

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

Is it this time again already? It only seems like last week I was writing the last report. No AI has been used in the making of this report. Only caffeine and biscuits.

The Geotechnical survey of the sea defences and prom have now been completed. The trial pits being dug proved to be interesting to many visitors to Hunstanton, with many asking if we were going to be building giant sandcastles with the diggers or if we had found any treasure! (Sadly no treasure was found). We now await the report into the findings which should be available in the next few months.

The waste and recycling team have again been out visiting schools with our "Look at the Label" messaging. During Recycling Week our messages on social media reached over 18,000 people and made over 28,000 impressions and the team have met many residents in person at events round West Norfolk.

Contractors will be removing some of the fence line from the top of Hunstanton cliffs this week, weather depending. Some of the fence posts have fallen over the cliff with others looking likely to fall. They are attached and do not cause a danger but need to be removed. The current cliff regression report is due soon, the results of which will indicate if any further fence line should be moved back.

Our concerns regarding the new booking system at recycling centres has been fed back to the Norfolk Waste Partnership, our concerns are shared by the other Norfolk District Councils. Norfolk County Council do not believe there will be any increase in fly tipping as a result of the new system, however we are monitoring the situation. They state it is not attempt to restrict people, to save money or to reduce capacity. The message as ever remains the same – there is absolutely no excuse for fly tipping and if you do so, you can expect to receive a visit from one of our investigation officers.

I myself have had to book a slot at the Wereham Recycling Centre this week, which was relatively simple and just involved inputting my name, address and vehicle registration number. There is no need to create an account.

## **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

The next Wash East Coast Management Strategy Stakeholders Meeting (WECMS) is being held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please do attend if you would like to hear the latest updates on the management plan review. Next year will see a lot more work on the update by our partner agencies and our officers so meetings will likely become rather more frequent.

The free food waste caddy liner trial will begin in some areas in December, which will hopefully increase our food recycling rates even further over the Christmas period. Keep an eye out for more recycling information and campaigns in the lead up to Christmas.

## **3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

Joint Waste Contract Review & Development Board  
Various Portfolio briefings  
Cabinet sifting  
Cabinet briefing  
Cabinet  
Norfolk Coast Partnership/Wash & North Norfolk Marine Site Management Group meeting  
Norfolk Waste Partnership  
Cabinet Away Day  
NEWS Board Meeting  
LGA Coastal SIG Member Champion meeting  
LGA Coastal SIG Quarterly Meeting